Payment to Iraq by India for maintenance of migrant Indians

1203. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI BALANANDAN:
SHRI M. A. BABY:
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are paying over Rs. 12,0000 per annum to Iraq for maintenance of some migrant Indian descendents;

(b) if so, what is the economic condition of these migrant families; and

(c) whether making of similar payments to some other countries is also under consideration of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K. TEWARI): (a) and (c) No Sir. The Government of India does not pay any maintenance to migrant Indians in Iraq. However the Embassy of India in Baghdad disburses Rs. 1.2 lakhs annually representing interest accruing on a bequest left by the former Nawab of Oudh, Ghazi-ud-din Haider which is administered by the Government of Uttar Pradesh. In July 1988, this amount was paid to 45 persons in Najaf and 29 in Kerbala, including 23 Indian nationals.

(b) Most of the original migrants have died or left the country. The financial situation of the remaining few is not very good.

Building of nuclear war-head by Pakistan

1204. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a study by U.S. Congressional Research Service that Pakistan is building a nuclear war-head for its 1000 Km range ballistic missile, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Anomalies committee under JCM scheme

1205. SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY.
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to S.Q. 145 given on the 3rd March, 1988 in the Rajya Sabha and state:

(a) whether the appropriate Anomalies Committees under the JCM Scheme have been set up;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Committee set up under the JCM Scheme has recommended the pay scale of Rs. 1640-60-2600-EB—75—2900 for the category of Assistants;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when the orders with regard to the implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee are likely to be issued and the date since when this pay scale is likely to be made effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The National

Anomalies Committee has been set-up. The Departmental Anomaiies Committees to deal with matters concerning them, would be set up by the Departments concerned.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Utilisation of share of water

1206. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:
SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA:
SHRI HARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken to see that the riparian States utilise the allocation of their share of waters in Krishna as awarded by the Tribunal; and

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to take up certain projects in order to extend irrigation potential and proper utilisation of water available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) As per Section 6 of the Inter State Water Disputes Act, 1956, the decision of the Tribunal is final and binding on the parties to the dispute and shall be given effect to by them.

Fresh evidence regarding payments made by Bofors in the howitzer contract

1207. SHRI SHARAD YADAV:
PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent revelation about the new evidence published in the 'Hindu' (Madras edition) in June, 1988 regarding Bofors payments in the 155 mm field Howitzer contract; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in the matter stating whether Government proopse to set up a special Parliamentary Committee to go into the matter?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) The Government has seen the matter published in the 'Hindu' in June, 1988 purporting to relate to agreements concluded by M|s Bofors with certain foreign and Indian firms and the alleged payments made by them to these firms. Necessary investigations into the published material have been ordered by the Government. The course of further action will be based on the results of these investigations. There is no proposal to set up a special Parliamentary Committee to go into the matter.

Raids in the houses of Central Government officials

1208. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of searches and raids carried cut in the houses of Central Government officials in the country during the year 1987;

(b) the designation of such officials alongwith details of illegal assets found with them; and

(c) the details of action and proceedings against them?